

Hi, City Council members:

We are a small trucking company that has been in business for over 50 years. We are not in favor of a ban for hand held devices simply because it is safer for truckers to use them. Especially with the freeways and highways being so crowded, if they can alert each other of vehicles on the side, traffic accidents, road closures then they can anticipate that they must slow down, or be careful at the turn because a car is on the side. Things they cannot see yet, they will be alert for. If you take it away from our drivers the roads will not be safer!

We also need the hand held devices to let our drivers know of job cancellations or changes in loading or unloading times/areas, etc. If the driver has to pull to the side of the road every time he answers that would make the roads more hazardous, especially if there is no area nearby. He may have to spend more time on the road than necessary because he was told to go somewhere and in the meantime the customer changed his order. This would not more hazardous.

Are you planning to ban even hand helds for emergency and police? They should be "the models" that we follow.

Rather than banning all hands you should review it in committee and discuss it with transportation groups like Hawaii Transportation Association and the visitor industry, etc. Make it a better law, than having an all out ban...If you have exceptions the truckers should be included in it.

Be safe, please do not ban hand helds

Thank you for your consideration.

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